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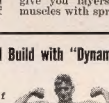

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BATMAN With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

HIGH IN ALASKA, AMERICA'S MOST NORTHERN STATE, BANDITS STOLE 49 STARS! THEY SEEMED LOST FOREVER--UNTIL TWO DEDICATED CRIME-FIGHTERS VOWED TO RECOVER THEM. THEN THE DANGER-FILLED MANHUNT BEGAN THAT LED FROM THE VOLCANIC **VALLEY OF 10,000 SMOKES** TO THE ICE-LOCKED LAND OF THE ESKIMO--UNTIL AT LAST **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, THE BOY WONDER, FOUND THE FINAL **CLUE** THAT SOLVED...

the Mystery of the 49th STAR

BY WOUNDING THE GIANT KODIAK BEAR, I'VE ANGERED HIM--ANGERED HIM ENOUGH TO ATTACK **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**!

BOB KANE

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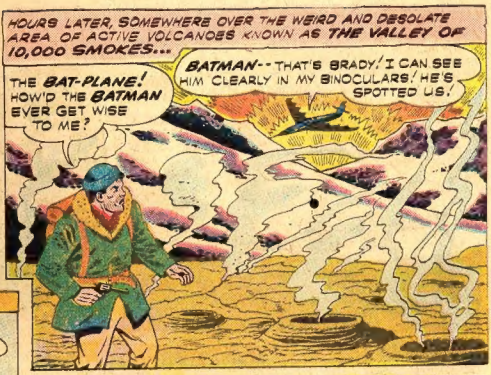
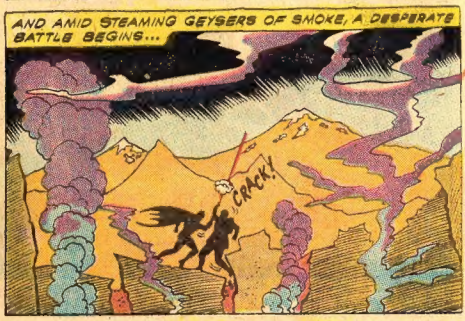
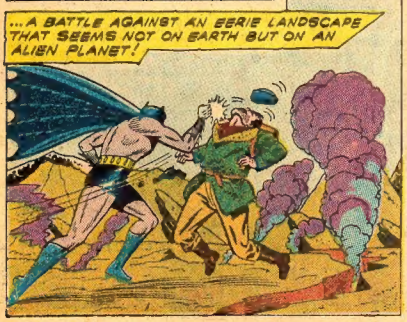
IN THE SWIFT BAT-PLANE, TWO FAMED CRIME-FIGHTERS SPEED NORTHWARD TO AMERICA'S NEWEST AND 49TH STATE--ALASKA!
BATMAN, DID THE LETTER FROM YOUR OLD FRIEND, CHALMERS, SAY WHAT HE WANTS YOU TO SEE?
NO, ROBIN! CHALMERS MADE A FORTUNE, MINING IN ALASKA! HIS LETTER SAID THAT TO SHOW HIS GRATITUDE, HE WAS PRESENTING THE ALASKAN GOVERNMENT WITH A FABULOUS GIFT TO HONOR ITS NEW STATEHOOD!
ON CALLING AT CHALMERS' HOME...
MR. CHALMERS...
BATMAN, I'M AFRAID YOU'VE COME A DAY TOO LATE! MY SURPRISE GIFT--THE "49 STARS"--WERE STOLEN YESTERDAY! COME IN--COME IN...
WHY--THE CASE'S LINING RESEMBLES AN AMERICAN FLAG--
FORTY-NINE DIAMONDS CUT IN STAR SHAPES WERE IN THOSE SOCKETS--THE 49TH STAR BEING A HUGE ONE, SYMBOLIZING ALASKA, THE LARGEST IN THE UNION! NOW--THEY'RE GONE--STOLEN! LET ATKINS TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED!
I WAS GUARDING THEM WHEN I WAS KNOCKED OUT FROM BEHIND! BY THE TIME I RECOVERED, THE THREE BANDITS HAD BLOWN OPEN THE SAFE AND ESCAPED!
I WANT TO DUST THE SAFE AND DIAMOND CASE! IT'S POSSIBLE, ONE OF THE BANDITS WAS CARELESS AND LEFT FINGERPRINTS!
LATER, FROM THE BAT-PLANE'S MICROFILM ROGUES' GALLERY FILM, BATMAN GETS HIS FIRST LEAD...
THAT SINGLE PRINT WE FOUND ON THE SAFE MATCHES THIS ONE! WILL BRADY--OF THE THREE NOTORIOUS BRADY BROTHERS! AND THERE WERE THREE THIEVES WHO TOOK THE STARS! IT ADDS UP!
LET'S CHECK THE PRIVATE PLANE COMPANIES IN THIS AREA!...
IN ALASKA, THE BEST WAY TO TRAVEL IS BY "BUSH" PLANES--SMALL PLANES HIRED TO TAKE YOU ANYWHERE...
SO YOU'RE GOING TO QUESTION THE PILOTS AND LEARN IF THEY WERE HIRED BY THE BRADY BROTHERS!
LATER, AFTER INTERVIEWING THE PILOTS...
THREE OF THEM IDENTIFIED THE BRADY BROTHERS FROM OUR ROGUES' GALLERY PHOTOGRAPHS--AND EACH PILOT FLEW A BROTHER TO A DIFFERENT SECTION OF ALASKA!
WHICH SUGGESTS THAT AFTER DIVIDING THE LOOT, THE BRADY BROTHERS SPLIT UP TO GO TO DIFFERENT AREAS UNTIL IT'S SAFE FOR THEM TO MOVE AROUND FREELY!

MINUTES LATER, THE BAT-PLANE ROARS SKYWARD ON THE FIRST LAP OF AN ALASKAN MANHUNT!
HERE WE GO, ROBIN--AFTER WILL BRADY--FIRST OF THE BRADY BROTHERS--IN THE VALLEY OF 10,000 SMOKES!


HOURS LATER, SOMEWHERE OVER THE WEIRD AND DESOLATE AREA OF ACTIVE VOLCANOES KNOWN AS THE VALLEY OF 10,000 SMOKES...
THE BAT-PLANE! HOW'D THE BATMAN EVER GET WISE TO ME?
BATMAN--THAT'S BRADY! I CAN SEE HIM CLEARLY IN MY BINOCULARS! HE'S SPOTTED US!

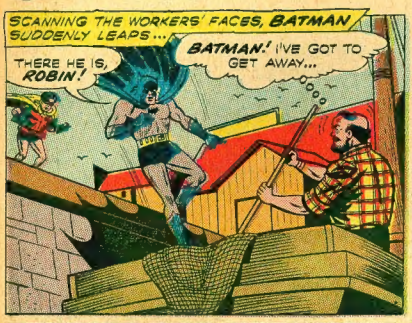
THEN, LIKE A SWOOPING HAWK, BATMAN STRIKES!
AS SOON AS I CAN LAND IN A CLEAR SPOT, I'LL GIVE BATMAN A HAND WITH THAT CHARACTER!
CRACK!


AND AMID STEAMING GEYSERS OF SMOKE, A DESPERATE BATTLE BEGINS...
CRACK!

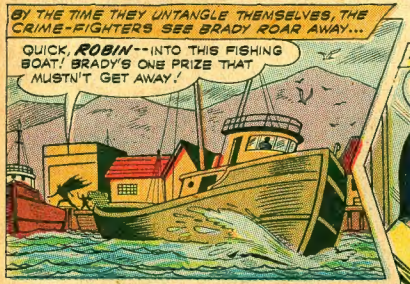

...A BATTLE AGAINST AN EERIE LANDSCAPE THAT SEEMS NOT ON EARTH BUT ON AN ALIEN PLANET!

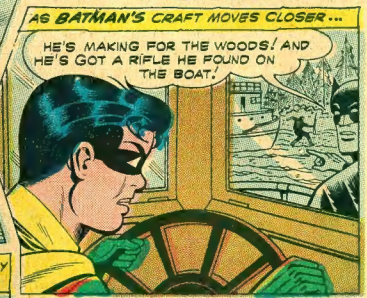
SUDDENLY, BATMAN'S FOOT SKIDS ON THE SLIPPERY ROCK--AND BECOMES WEDGED IN A FISSURE!
WELL, BATMAN--LOOKS LIKE I'LL GET TO USE MY GUN, AFTER ALL!
UHH--CAN'T GET LOOSE--AND NEVER WILL IN TIME TO STOP HIM!

AT THAT MOMENT, ROBIN LANDS AND SEES BATMAN'S PREDICAMENT...
GOSH! I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO HELP BATMAN FROM BACK HERE! BUT I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING -- FAST!
BATMAN -- IN ONE MINUTE, YOU'RE GONNA BE AS DEAD AS LAST YEAR'S CALENDAR!
SUDDENLY, ROBIN GUNS THE BAT-PLANE'S JETS -- AND THE BACKWASH WHIPS THE VOLCANIC SMOKE RIGHT INTO BRADY'S FACE...
UHH -- MY EYES -- I CAN'T SEE --
WHOOSH
THE REPRIEVE GIVES BATMAN JUST ENOUGH TIME TO TUG HIS FOOT FREE AND...
ONE DOWN -- TWO MORE TO GO!
AFTER TURNING WILL BRADY OVER TO THE POLICE...
WELL, BATMAN -- WE RECOVERED 16 STARS -- WILL BRADY'S SHARE OF THE LOOT!
RIGHT, ROBIN -- AND NOW OUR NEXT TARGET IS BART BRADY -- SOMEWHERE ON KODIAK ISLAND!
LATER, ON KODIAK ISLAND, ONE OF ALASKA'S GREAT SALMON CENTERS...
YOU EXPECT TO FIND BART BRADY HERE?
YES, ROBIN! THE BEST PLACE FOR A NEWCOMER TO HIDE OUT IS AMONG OTHER NEWCOMERS -- AND MANY STRANGERS COME HERE TO WORK ON BOATS DURING THE SALMON SEASON!


SCANNING THE WORKERS' FACES, BATMAN SUDDENLY LEAPS...
THERE HE IS, ROBIN!
BATMAN! I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY...

ABRUPTLY, BART BRADY WHIPS A SALMON NET OVER THE CRIME-FIGHTERS!
THAT SHOULD HOLD THEM LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO ESCAPE!


BY THE TIME THEY UNTANGLE THEMSELVES, THE CRIME-FIGHTERS SEE BRADY ROAR AWAY...
QUICK, ROBIN--INTO THIS FISHING BOAT! BRADY'S ONE PRIZE THAT MUSTN'T GET AWAY!

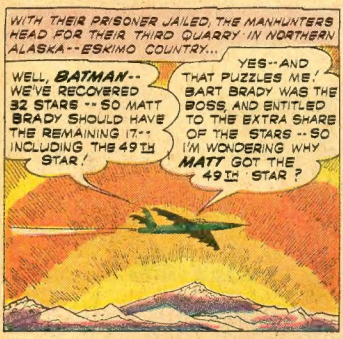

AS BATMAN'S CRAFT MOVES CLOSER...
HE'S MAKING FOR THE WOODS! AND HE'S GOT A RIFLE HE FOUND ON THE BOAT!

TRAILING THEIR QUARRY INTO THE WOODS, SHORTLY AFTER, BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE SUDDENLY CONFRONTED BY A FURRY GIANT!
ULP! A KODIAK BEAR! IT MUST BE OVER NINE FEET TALL!
EASY, ROBIN--DON'T PANIC! THE KODIAK BEAR DOESN'T ATTACK A MAN UNLESS IT'S ATTACKED FIRST!

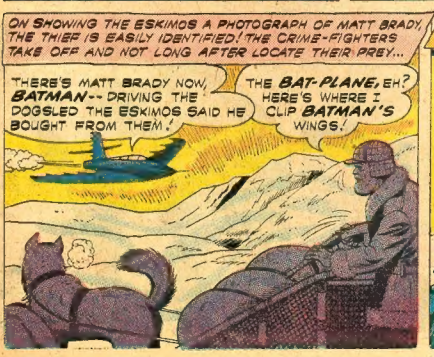
ABRUPTLY, A SHOT RINGS OUT--AND THE HUGE BEAR FLINCHES AT THE IMPACT OF A BULLET IN ITS SHOULDER!
HA! HA!
GREAT SCOTT! THAT MUST BE BART BRADY! HE DELIBERATELY WOUNDED THE BEAR--SO IT WOULD ATTACK US!
CRACK!

BELLOWING WITH RAGE, THE SHAGGY BRUTE CHARGES--ONE GREAT PAW LASHING OUT AT ROBIN DIRECTLY IN ITS PATH...
ROBIN! LUCKILY, HE PULLED BACK--SO IT WAS ONLY A GLANCING BLOW!
RR-RAWRRR
UHH!
NOW BATMAN STANDS ALONE, FACING EARTH'S LARGEST LAND-DWELLING CARNIVORE...
RR-RAWRRR
THIS ROCK--!
HARD AND TRUE, THE ROCK FLIES TO ITS TARGET--THE MOST SENSITIVE PART OF ANY BEAR--ITS TENDER NOSE!
ARRRRR
WITH A HOWL, THE SHAGGY MONSTER HALTS ITS SAVAGE ONRUSH--GIVING BATMAN A CHANCE TO FLING HIS BAT-ROPE...
GOT TO TIE ITS LEGS...
SWIFTLY, BATMAN WINDS THE ROPE AROUND THE BEAST...
IT'LL TAKE THE BEAR AWHILE TO CHEW THROUGH IT--AND GIVE US TIME TO LOOK FOR BART BRADY!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK FAR, BATMAN!
ANOTHER BRADY--AND ANOTHER GUN! YOUR FAMILY RUNS TRUE TO FORM!

SUDDENLY, BATMAN'S EYES WIDEN AS HE POINTS TO THE SIDE...
DON'T MOVE! THERE'S A RATTLESNAKE NEAR YOUR LEG!
Y-YOU'RE RIGHT! IT'S A RATTLER!
TOO BAD YOU DIDN'T KNOW THERE ARE NO SNAKES IN ALASKA! WHAT YOU SAW WAS ONLY THE SHADOW OF A BRANCH!

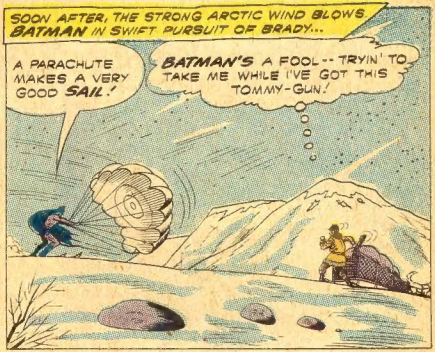

WITH THEIR PRISONER JAILED, THE MANHUNTERS HEAD FOR THEIR THIRD QUARRY IN NORTHERN ALASKA--ESKIMO COUNTRY...
WELL, BATMAN--WE'VE RECOVERED 32 STARS -- SO MATT BRADY SHOULD HAVE THE REMAINING 17--INCLUDING THE 49TH STAR!
YES--AND THAT PUZZLES ME! BART BRADY WAS THE BOSS, AND ENTITLED TO THE EXTRA SHARE OF THE STARS -- SO I'M WONDERING WHY MATT GOT THE 49TH STAR?

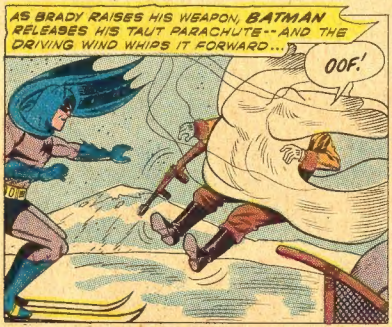
LATER, HAVING LANDED NEAR A VILLAGE OF SEAL HUNTERS, BATMAN GREETS THE ESKIMOS IN THEIR NATIVE TONGUE...
AUK-SHUN-EYE! (HELLO!)
CHIME-OH (GREETINGS) OO-VUNG-AH BATMAN! (I AM BATMAN!)


ON SHOWING THE ESKIMOS A PHOTOGRAPH OF MATT BRADY, THE THIEF IS EASILY IDENTIFIED! THE CRIME-FIGHTERS TAKE OFF AND NOT LONG AFTER LOCATE THEIR PREY...
THERE'S MATT BRADY NOW, BATMAN--DRIVING THE DOGSLED THE ESKIMOS SAID HE BOUGHT FROM THEM!
THE BAT-PLANE, EH? HERE'S WHERE I CLIP BATMAN'S WINGS!

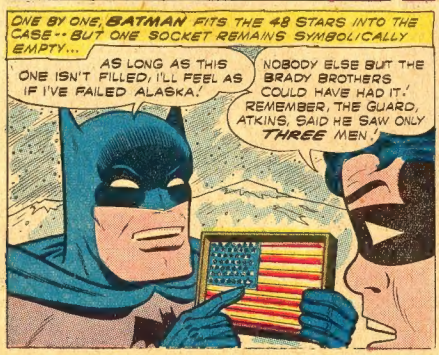
A TOMMY-GUN CHATTERS--AND THE BAT-PLANE FALLS...
RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT
ONE OF THE SLUGS HIT THE FUEL LINE! GET SET, ROBIN--I HAVE TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY LANDING!

AS BATMAN SKILLFULLY LANDS THE CRAFT ON THE HARD-PACKED SNOW...
BATMAN-- THERE GOES BRADY! EVEN WITH THE SKIS WE'VE GOT IN THE BAT-PLANE, YOU COULDN'T CATCH UP TO HIS SPEEDY DOGSLED NOW!
I KNOW ONE WAY I CAN...


SOON AFTER, THE STRONG ARCTIC WIND BLOWS BATMAN IN SWIFT PURSUIT OF BRADY...
A PARACHUTE MAKES A VERY GOOD SAIL!
BATMAN'S A FOOL -- TRYIN' TO TAKE ME WHILE I'VE GOT THIS TOMMY-GUN!


AS BRADY RAISES HIS WEAPON, BATMAN RELEASES HIS TAUT PARACHUTE -- AND THE DRIVING WIND WHIPS IT FORWARD...
OOF!

LATER, ON SEARCHING HIS PRISONER, BATMAN FINDS...
ONLY 16 DIAMONDS HERE! WHERE'S THE BIGGEST ONE? WHERE'S THE 49TH STAR?
THAT'S FOR YOU TO FIND OUT!


ONE BY ONE, BATMAN FITS THE 48 STARS INTO THE CASE -- BUT ONE SOCKET REMAINS SYMBOLICALLY EMPTY...
AS LONG AS THIS ONE ISN'T FILLED, I'LL FEEL AS IF I'VE FAILED ALASKA!
NOBODY ELSE BUT THE BRADY BROTHERS COULD HAVE HAD IT! REMEMBER, THE GUARD, ATKINS, SAID HE SAW ONLY THREE MEN!

THAT'S IT! ROBIN, YOU'VE JUST GIVEN ME THE ANSWER TO THE MYSTERY OF THE 49TH STAR!
SNAP!

REPAIRING THE BAT-PLANE'S FUEL LINE, BATMAN HEADS FOR CHALMERS' MINING PLANT, AND SOON AFTER..
THERE'S CHALMERS WAITING FOR YOU--JUST AS HE AGREED AFTER YOU TALKED WITH HIM ON THE BAT-PLANE RADIO!
AND HE'S GOT ATKINS WITH HIM--AS I ASKED HIM TO!
BATMAN, YOU RECOVERED ALL THE STARS?
ALL BUT THE 49TH--BUT I'M GOING TO GET IT RIGHT NOW--FROM ATKINS!
DESPERATELY, ATKINS LEAPS TO THE NEARBY DREDGE AND DARTS ACROSS ITS GIRDERS...
ATKINS--IF YOU WERE KNOCKED OUT FROM BEHIND--HOW DID YOU POSSIBLY KNOW THERE WERE THREE BANDITS?
SO THAT'S HOW BATMAN GOT WISE!
FRANTICALLY, ATKINS SPRINTS FORWARD, BUT..
YOUR SHARE OF THE LOOT WAS THE 49TH STAR--FOR LETTING THE BRADY BROTHERS COMMIT THE ROBBERY...
..AND NOW YOU'RE GOING TO SHARE A JAIL SENTENCE WITH THEM!
LATER, WHEN THE 49 STARS HAVE BEEN PROPERLY RESTORED...
TO ALL OUR STATES--AND ESPECIALLY OUR NEWEST AND LARGEST--ALASKA!
THE END

CASEY
THE COP
PULL OVER!
PASSING A RED LIGHT, EH? LET ME SEE YOUR LICENSE!
THESE MODERN SPORTS CARS! EP-YOU WAIT HERE, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
GROCER
THERE! NOW I CAN WRITE OUT THE TICKET!
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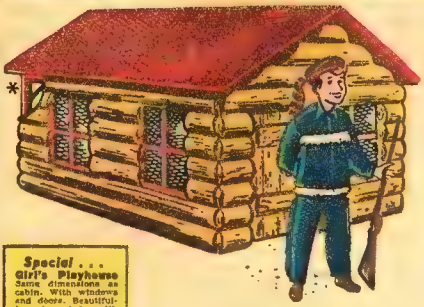

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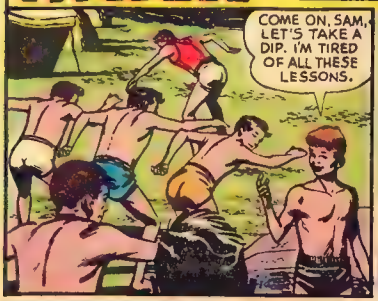

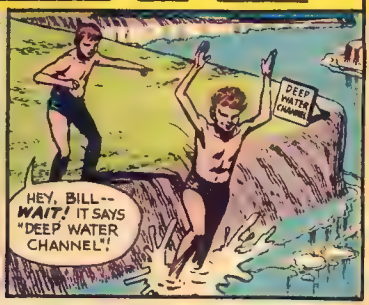

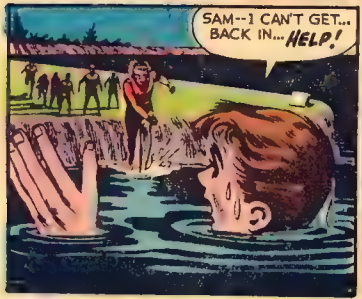

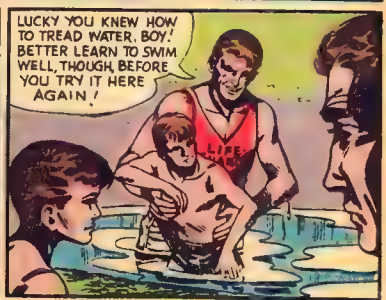

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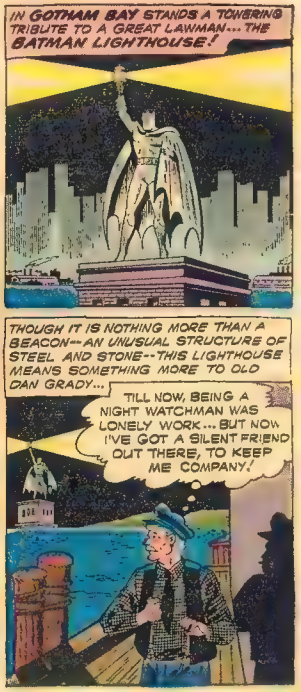
TO MOST OBSERVERS, IT IS MERELY A UNIQUE STRUCTURE OF STEEL, REARING 300 FEET INTO THE AIR--A TOWERING FIGURE THAT GUIDES APPROACHING SHIPS! BUT TO A CERTAIN THREE MEN, IT STANDS AS A MIGHTY COLOSSUS--A SILENT HERO--WHICH CHANGED THE WHOLE COURSE OF THEIR LIVES! SMALL WONDER THAT THESE THREE WILL FOREVER GAZE IN AWE AT...

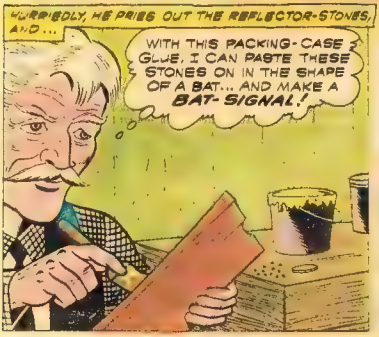
The BATMAN LIGHTHOUSE

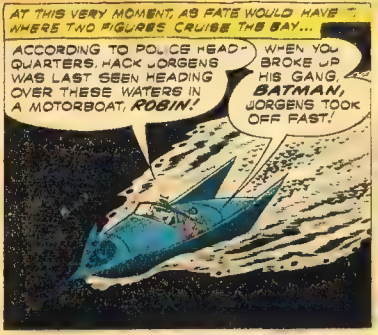

IN GOTHAM BAY STANDS A TOWERING TRIBUTE TO A GREAT LAWMAN... THE BATMAN LIGHTHOUSE!
THOUGH IT IS NOTHING MORE THAN A BEACON--AN UNUSUAL STRUCTURE OF STEEL AND STONE--THIS LIGHTHOUSE MEANS SOMETHING MORE TO OLD DAN GRADY...
TILL NOW, BEING A NIGHT WATCHMAN WAS LONELY WORK... BUT NOW I'VE GOT A SILENT FRIEND OUT THERE, TO KEEP ME COMPANY!

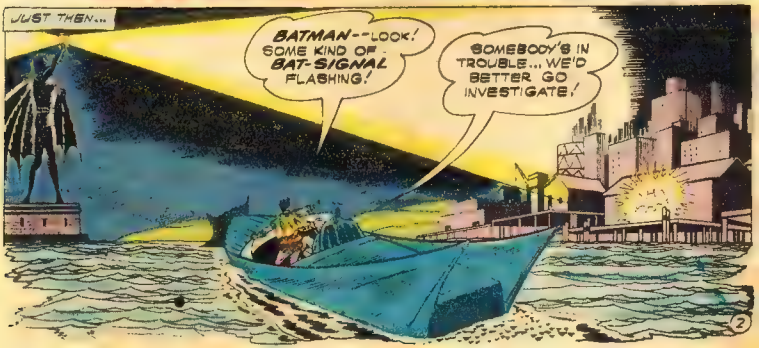
SUDDENLY...
OKAY, THE LIGHTS OFF US NOW! GRAB HIM!
OOF!

AFTER CARRYING GRADY INTO A DESERTED WAREHOUSE...
LOCK HIM IN THIS STOCKROOM! EVEN IF HE YELLS FOR HELP, NOBODY CAN HEAR HIM!

ALONE, THE PLUCKY OLD FELLOW DESPERATELY SEARCHES FOR A WAY TO FORESTALL THE ROBBERY...
IF ONLY I COULD MAKE A SIGNAL SOMEHOW! HMM -- THE REFLECTOR ON THAT BICYCLE...


HURRIEDLY, HE PRIES OUT THE REFLECTOR-STONES, AND...
WITH THIS PACKING-CASE GLUE, I CAN PASTE THESE STONES ON IN THE SHAPE OF A BAT... AND MAKE A BAT-SIGNAL!


AT THIS VERY MOMENT, AS FATE WOULD HAVE IT, WHERE TWO FIGURES CRUISE THE BAY...
ACCORDING TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS, HACK JORGENS WAS LAST SEEN HEADING OVER THESE WATERS IN A MOTORBOAT, ROBIN!
WHEN YOU BROKE UP HIS GANG, BATMAN, JORGENS TOOK OFF FAST!


JUST THEN...
BATMAN -- LOOK! SOME KIND OF BAT-SIGNAL FLASHING!
SOMEBODY'S IN TROUBLE... WE'D BETTER GO INVESTIGATE!

MINUTES LATER, AS THE BANDITS GATHER THEIR LOOT IN THE WAREHOUSE...
HUH? BATMAN AND ROBIN! HOW'D THEY KNOW WE WERE HERE?
GET 'EM!
WE CAN'T STOP 'EM IN A FAIR FIGHT... I GOTTA DO SOMETHIN' FAST!
HOLD IT, BATMAN-- OR ROBIN GETS HURT!
THIS IS A TOUGH SPOT, UNLESS--HMM... THE BEACON LIGHT SHOULD BE FLASHING THIS WAY IN A MINUTE! I'LL PRETEND TO BACK AWAY--TOWARD THAT MIRROR...
SHORTLY, AS THE BEACON'S GLARE FLASHES THROUGH THE WINDOW AND BOUNCES OFF THE MIRROR...
WHAT...? I CAN'T SEE...
JUST TEMPORARY BLINDNESS, PAL... BUT LONG ENOUGH TO PUT YOU OUT OF ACTION!
LATER, AFTER THE BANDITS HAVE BEEN JAILED...
...YEP, BATMAN-- I JUST HELD THIS BOARD UP NEAR THE WINDOW-- SO WHEN THE BATMAN LIGHTHOUSE BEAM TOUCHED IT, THOSE STONES SPARKLED!
VERY INGENIOUS, DAN... WE BOTH MADE GOOD USE OF THE LIGHTHOUSE!
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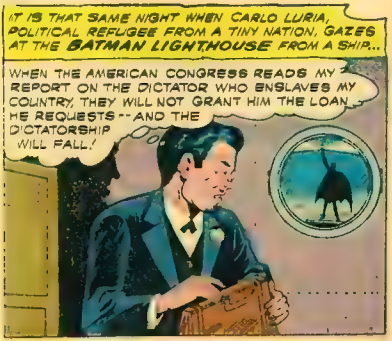
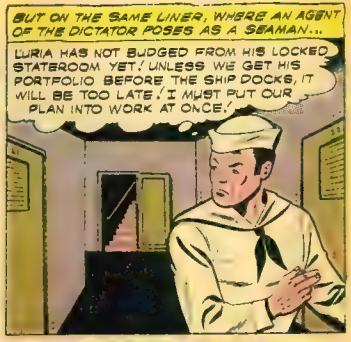
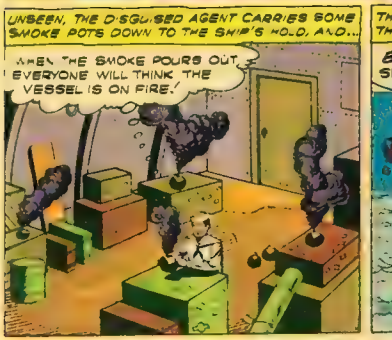
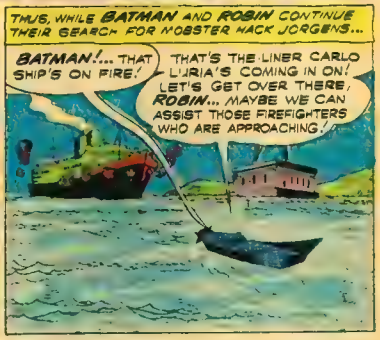
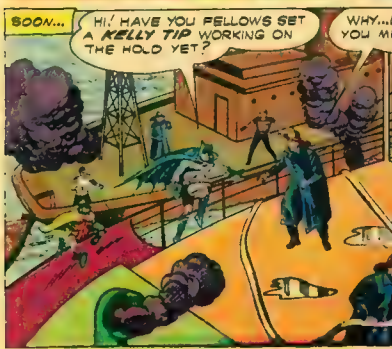
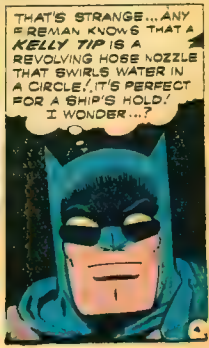

IT IS THAT SAME NIGHT WHEN CARLO LURIA, POLITICAL REFUGEE FROM A TINY NATION, GAZES AT THE BATMAN LIGHTHOUSE FROM A SHIP...
WHEN THE AMERICAN CONGRESS READS MY REPORT ON THE DICTATOR WHO ENSLAVES MY COUNTRY, THEY WILL NOT GRANT HIM THE LOAN HE REQUESTS--AND THE DICTATORSHIP WILL FALL!


BUT ON THE SAME LINER, WHERE AN AGENT OF THE DICTATOR POSES AS A SEAMAN...
LURIA HAS NOT BUDGED FROM HIS LOCKED STATEROOM YET! UNLESS WE GET HIS PORTFOLIO BEFORE THE SHIP DOCKS, IT WILL BE TOO LATE! I MUST PUT OUR PLAN INTO WORK AT ONCE!

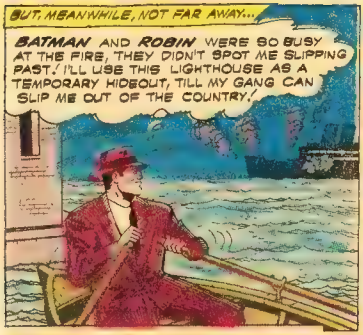

UNSEEN, THE DISGUISED AGENT CARRIES SOME SMOKE POTS DOWN TO THE SHIP'S HOLD, AND...
WHEN THE SMOKE POURS OUT, EVERYONE WILL THINK THE VESSEL IS ON FIRE!


THUS, WHILE BATMAN AND ROBIN CONTINUE THEIR SEARCH FOR MOBSTER HACK JORGENS...
BATMAN!... THAT SHIP'S ON FIRE!
THAT'S THE LINER CARLO LURIA'S COMING IN ON! LET'S GET OVER THERE, ROBIN... MAYBE WE CAN ASSIST THOSE FIREFIGHTERS WHO ARE APPROACHING!

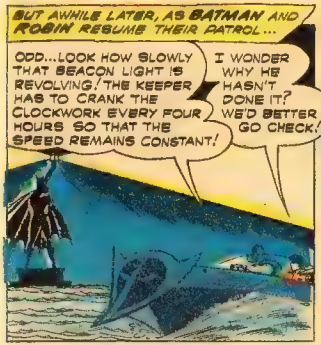

SOON...
HI! HAVE YOU FELLOWS SET A KELLY TIP WORKING ON THE HOLD YET?
WHY...UH... WHAT DO YOU MEAN, BATMAN?

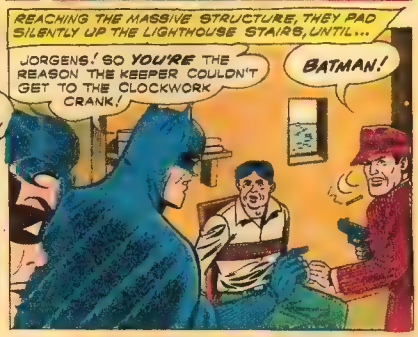

THAT'S STRANGE... ANY FIREMAN KNOWS THAT A KELLY TIP IS A REVOLVING HOSE NOZZLE THAT SWIRLS WATER IN A CIRCLE! IT'S PERFECT FOR A SHIP'S HOLD! I WONDER...?

AT THAT MOMENT, AS THE SMOKE FORCES LURIA TO LEAVE HIS STATEROOM...
ALL RIGHT, LURIA--HAND OVER THAT PORTFOLIO!
WHAT?? YOU--YOU'RE AGENTS OF THE DICTATOR! YOU'RE NOT REAL FIREMEN!
"THAT'S RIGHT, LURIA ... THEY MUST HAVE KNOCKED OUT THE REAL FIREMEN! THIS WHOLE "FIRE" WAS STAGED JUST TO BRING YOU OUT INTO THE OPEN SO THEY COULD GRAB YOUR DOCUMENTS!
SEIZING THE VALUABLE PORTFOLIO FROM LURIA, BATMAN SNAPS A COMMAND TO ROBIN, AND...
THERE'S A VANTAGE POINT WE CAN USE, ONCE WE CLEAR IT OFF!
CRACK!
SORRY--ONLY ROOM FOR US UP HERE NOW!
THEN, AS THEY TURN THE POWERFUL TURRET HOSE ON THE DISGUISED AGENTS...
THEY WON'T HAVE ANY FIGHT LEFT IN THEM BY THE TIME THE HARBOR POLICE ARRIVE!
YES--AND NOW LURIA CAN BRING HIS DOCUMENTS INTO THIS COUNTRY WITHOUT ANY DANGER!
CRACK!
CRACK!
CRACK!

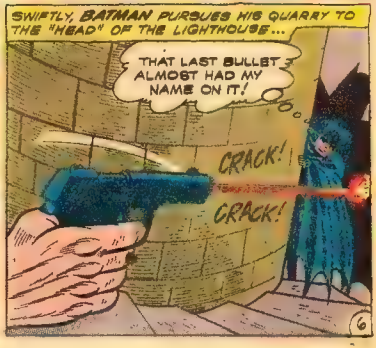

BUT, MEANWHILE, NOT FAR AWAY...
BATMAN AND ROBIN WERE SO BUSY AT THE FIRE, THEY DIDN'T SPOT ME SLIPPING PAST. I'LL USE THIS LIGHTHOUSE AS A TEMPORARY HIDEOUT, TILL MY GANG CAN SLIP ME OUT OF THE COUNTRY!

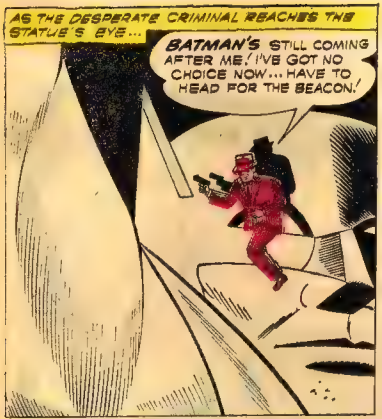
SO BEFORE LONG, THE KEEPER OF THE LIGHTHOUSE BECOMES A PRISONER OF GANG CHIEF HACK JORGENS...
WHAT A LAUGH! WHILE BATMAN'S SEARCHING FOR ME, I'M USING THE BATMAN LIGHTHOUSE AS A HIDEOUT!

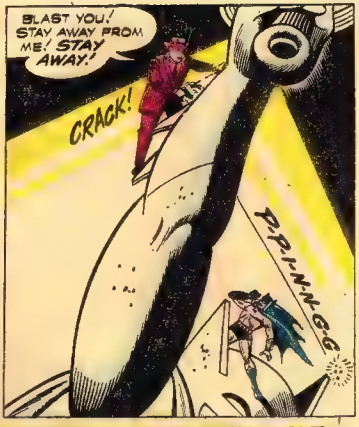

BUT AWHILE LATER, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN RESUME THEIR PATROL...
ODD...LOOK HOW SLOWLY THAT BEACON LIGHT IS REVOLVING! THE KEEPER HAS TO CRANK THE CLOCKWORK EVERY FOUR HOURS SO THAT THE SPEED REMAINS CONSTANT!
I WONDER WHY HE HASN'T DONE IT? WE'D BETTER GO CHECK!


REACHING THE MASSIVE STRUCTURE, THEY PAD SILENTLY UP THE LIGHTHOUSE STAIRS, UNTIL...
JORGENS! SO YOU'RE THE REASON THE KEEPER COULDN'T GET TO THE CLOCKWORK CRANK!
BATMAN!

MAYBE YOU FOUND ME -- BUT YOU'RE NOT TAKING ME!
OOPS!


SWIFTLY, BATMAN PURSUES HIS QUARRY TO THE "HEAD" OF THE LIGHTHOUSE...
THAT LAST BULLET ALMOST HAD MY NAME ON IT!
CRACK!
CRACK!


AS THE DESPERATE CRIMINAL REACHES THE STATUE'S EYE...
BATMAN'S STILL COMING AFTER ME! I'VE GOT NO CHOICE NOW... HAVE TO HEAD FOR THE BEACON!


BLAST YOU! STAY AWAY FROM ME! STAY AWAY!
CRACK!
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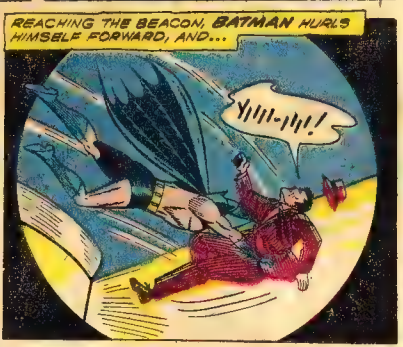
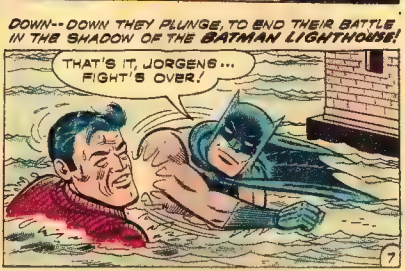
SUDDENLY, AS THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTER HURLS HIS FAMED BATARANG...
OW-W! KNOCKED THE GUN OUT OF MY HAND!


REACHING THE BEACON, BATMAN HURLS HIMSELF FORWARD, AND...
YIII-IIII!


DOWN--DOWN THEY PLUNGE, TO END THEIR BATTLE IN THE SHADOW OF THE BATMAN LIGHTHOUSE!
THAT'S IT, JORGENS... FIGHT'S OVER!

NEXT EVENING, THE BATMAN LIGHTHOUSE ONCE AGAIN SHEDS ITS LIGHT OVER GOTHAM BAY, A SYMBOL OF MANY THINGS TO MANY MEN...

TO NIGHT WATCHMAN DAN GRADY, IT IS A SYMBOL OF FRIENDSHIP...

I'LL NEVER BE LONELY AGAIN ON MY ROUNDS ...NOT WHILE MY SILENT FRIEND IS OUT THERE!

TO CARLO LURIA, IT IS A SYMBOL OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE...

IT IS LIKE A SENTINEL OF LIBERTY, STANDING GUARD OVER PEOPLE!

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AND TO HACK JORGENS, IT IS A SYMBOL OF THE LAW!

WOULDN'T YOU KNOW THEY'D GIVE ME A CELL WINDOW THAT LOOKS RIGHT OUT ON THE BATMAN LIGHTHOUSE!

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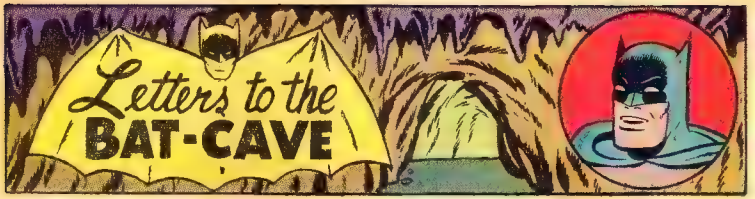

Dear Editor:

You keep saying that BATMAN, in his everyday identity, is really Bruce Wayne, a wealthy playboy. He has a butler, he owns a mansion, and he's always going to society parties. Where does he get all his money? I never see him working.

Ronnie Pulver, Nashville, Tenn.

(Bruce Wayne inherited his wealth from his father. He acts the role of a playboy because no one would suspect such an "idle" fellow of being BATMAN.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

In a recent story, entitled "THE SECRET OF THE FANTASTIC WEAPONS," you show BATMAN and ROBIN in a Mexican village, trying to arrest a criminal. According to International Law, no United States officer can arrest a criminal in Mexico, because the officer has no authority there.

William Tauriello, Nutley, N.J.

(True, under International Law, an officer of one country can't make arrests in another country. However, BATMAN and ROBIN, being world-famous lawmen, have been deputized by the police forces of many nations, including Mexico. That gives them the right to apprehend criminals in those countries.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Gotham City is such a big place—yet, when the police need help, they flash the BAT-SIGNAL, and right away, BATMAN and ROBIN know where to go. How is this possible?

Shirley Singer, Portland, Ore.

(Both the BATMOBILE and the BAT-PLANE are equipped with police radios, which broadcast the details to BATMAN and ROBIN, as they take off in response to the BAT-SIGNAL.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I've got a suggestion. Why don't BATMAN and ROBIN wear bullet-proof vests? That would sure cut down their chances of getting killed or wounded.

Herb Maxwell, Wilmington, Del.

(Long ago, BATMAN stopped using the bullet-proof vest, because it was too clumsy, restricting his movements and giving crooks a better chance to elude him.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

BATMAN, ROBIN and SUPERMAN make a fine team in WORLD'S FINEST COMICS. Supposing still another costumed crime-fighter came along and proved he was just as good as BATMAN, would BATMAN and ROBIN team up with him, or would they be jealous?

Len Larson, Flagstaff, Ariz.

(As a matter of fact, just such a question arises in the September issue of DETECTIVE COMICS, in a story called "BATMAN'S ARMORED RIVAL."—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

How did BATWOMAN get started on her career? She's one of my favorite characters, and I'd like to know more about her.

Mike Forman, Boston, Mass.

(Many readers have asked the same question. We plan to answer it in some of the BATWOMAN stories coming up in BATMAN and DETECTIVE COMICS.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

BATMAN has a lot of terrific gadgets in his UTILITY BELT. Would you please give me a list of all of them?

Randall Jones, St. Paul, Minn.

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THE MENACE OF THE FIREFLY

IN THE PALATIAL **CARSON MANSION**, WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON, ATTEND A PARTY FOR HIGH SOCIETY...

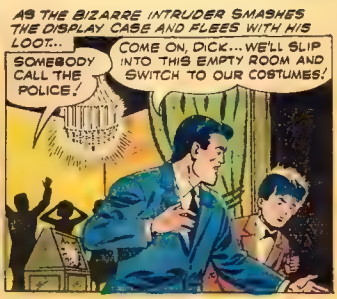
LOOK, BRUCE--PURE GOLD NUGGETS! THEY MUST COME FROM TED CARSON'S GOLD-MINE!

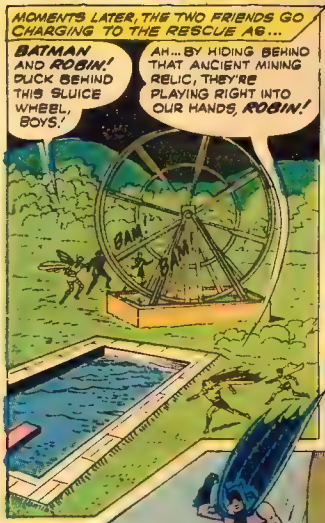
YES, DICK--UH--HMM... WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO KATHY KANE? SHE'S THE LAST GUEST TO ARRIVE!

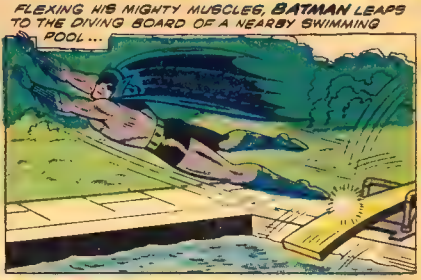
HA, HA! IMPATIENT, EH? I THINK YOU REALLY LIKE KATHY--EVEN IF SHE DOES GIVE YOU SOME TROUBLE AS **BATWOMAN!**

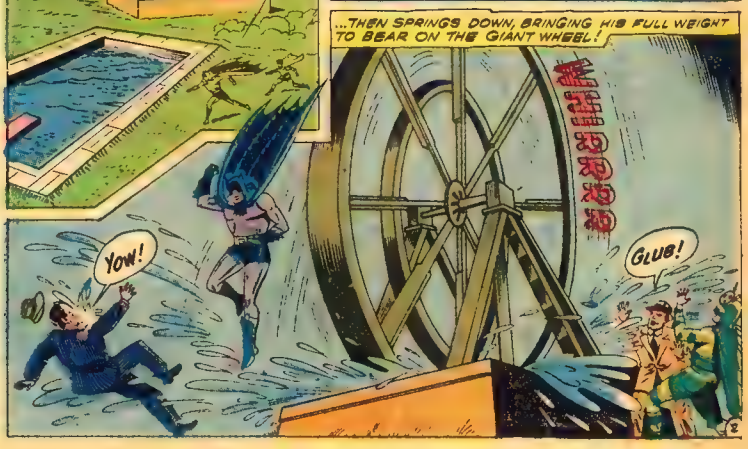
SURE--I LIKE HER... BUT I WISH SHE'D LIKE **BRUCE WAYNE** AS MUCH AS SHE DOES **BATMAN!**

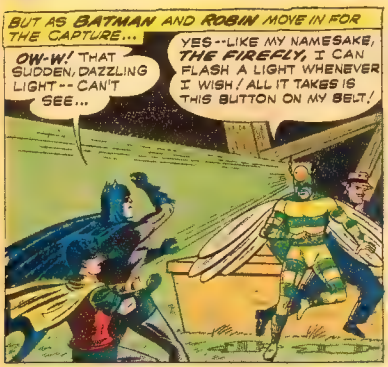
JUST THEN...
GREETINGS! I HAVE COME FOR MR. CARSON'S GOLD NUGGETS!
EEK!... LOOK!
THE FIREFLY!... THAT NEW BANDIT WHO'S BEGUN PLAGUING THE CITY!

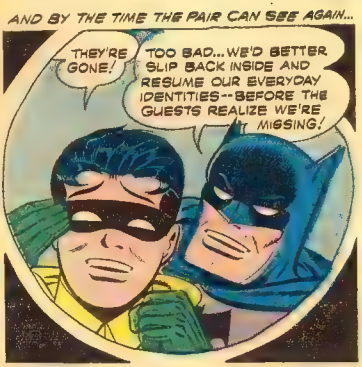

AS THE BIZARRE INTRUDER SMASHES THE DISPLAY CASE AND FLEES WITH HIS LOOT...
COME ON, DICK... WE'LL SLIP INTO THIS EMPTY ROOM AND SWITCH TO OUR COSTUMES!
SOMEBODY CALL THE POLICE!

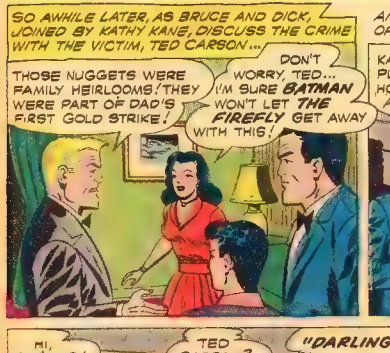

MOMENTS LATER, THE TWO FRIENDS GO CHARGING TO THE RESCUE AS...
BATMAN AND ROBIN! DUCK BEHIND THIS SLUICE WHEEL, BOYS!
AH... BY HIDING BEHIND THAT ANCIENT MINING RELIC, THEY'RE PLAYING RIGHT INTO OUR HANDS, ROBIN!
BAM!
BAM!

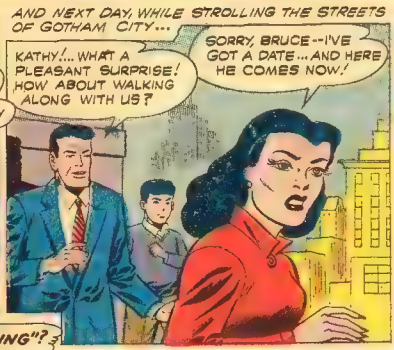

FLEXING HIS MIGHTY MUSCLES, BATMAN LEAPS TO THE DIVING BOARD OF A NEARBY SWIMMING POOL...

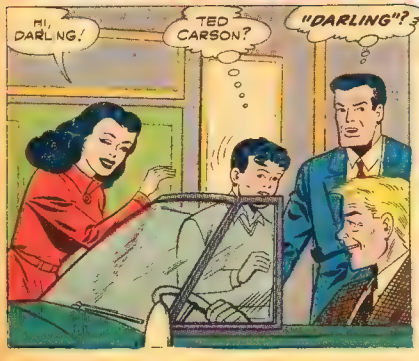

...THEN SPRINGS DOWN, BRINGING HIS FULL WEIGHT TO BEAR ON THE GIANT WHEEL!
YOW!
GLUB!

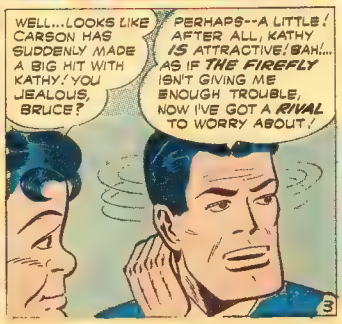

BUT AS BATMAN AND ROBIN MOVE IN FOR THE CAPTURE...
OW-W! THAT SUDDEN, DAZZLING LIGHT -- CAN'T SEE...
YES--LIKE MY NAMESAKE, THE FIREFLY, I CAN FLASH A LIGHT WHENEVER I WISH! ALL IT TAKES IS THIS BUTTON ON MY BELT!

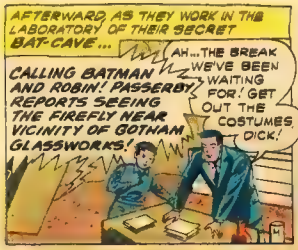

AND BY THE TIME THE PAIR CAN SEE AGAIN...
THEY'RE GONE!
TOO BAD...WE'D BETTER SLIP BACK INSIDE AND RESUME OUR EVERYDAY IDENTITIES--BEFORE THE GUESTS REALIZE WE'RE MISSING!

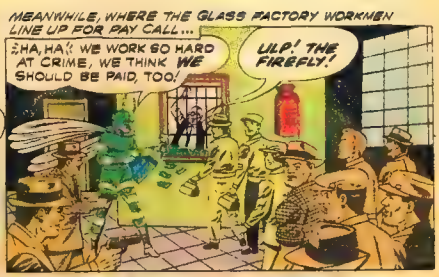

SO AWHILE LATER, AS BRUCE AND DICK, JOINED BY KATHY KANE, DISCUSS THE CRIME WITH THE VICTIM, TED CARSON...
THOSE NUGGETS WERE FAMILY HEIRLOOMS! THEY WERE PART OF DAD'S FIRST GOLD STRIKE!
DON'T WORRY, TED... I'M SURE BATMAN WON'T LET THE FIREFLY GET AWAY WITH THIS!

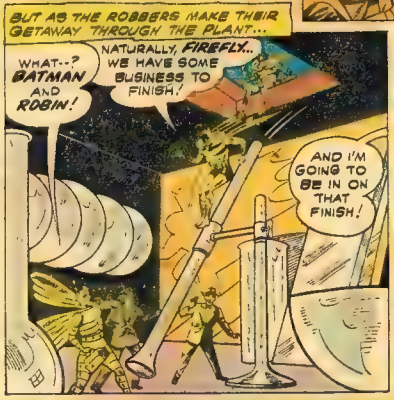

AND NEXT DAY, WHILE STROLLING THE STREETS OF GOTHAM CITY...
KATHY!... WHAT A PLEASANT SURPRISE! HOW ABOUT WALKING ALONG WITH US?
SORRY, BRUCE--I'VE GOT A DATE... AND HERE HE COMES NOW!


HI, DARLING!
TED CARSON?
"DARLING"?

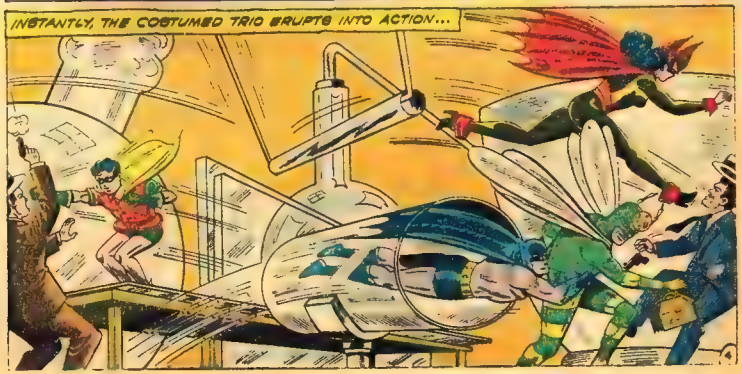

WELL...LOOKS LIKE CARSON HAS SUDDENLY MADE A BIG HIT WITH KATHY! YOU JEALOUS, BRUCE?
PERHAPS--A LITTLE! AFTER ALL, KATHY IS ATTRACTIVE! BAH!... AS IF THE FIREFLY ISN'T GIVING ME ENOUGH TROUBLE, NOW I'VE GOT A RIVAL TO WORRY ABOUT!


AFTERWARD, AS THEY WORK IN THE LABORATORY OF THEIR SECRET BAT-CAVE...
CALLING BATMAN AND ROBIN! PASSERBY REPORTS SEEING THE FIREFLY NEAR VICINITY OF GOTHAM GLASSWORKS!
AH...THE BREAK WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR! GET OUT THE COSTUMES, DICK!


MEANWHILE, WHERE THE GLASS FACTORY WORKMEN LINE UP FOR PAY CALL...
HA, HA! WE WORK SO HARD AT CRIME, WE THINK WE SHOULD BE PAID, TOO!
ULP! THE FIREFLY!


BUT AS THE ROBBERS MAKE THEIR GETAWAY THROUGH THE PLANT...
WHAT--? BATMAN AND ROBIN!
NATURALLY, FIREFLY... WE HAVE SOME BUSINESS TO FINISH!
AND I'M GOING TO BE IN ON THAT FINISH!

BATWOMAN!
I HEARD THAT POLICE ALARM ON MY RADIO, TOO!
CRACK!


INSTANTLY, THE COSTUMED TRIO ERUPTS INTO ACTION...

BUT AS THE FIREFLY MANAGES TO PRESS ANOTHER BUTTON ON HIS BELT...
HA, HA!... YOU FORGOT THAT FIREFLIES ARE ABLE TO BUZZ, TOO! SO LONG, BATMAN!
GREAT SCOTT! HE'S EMANATING SOUND VIBRATIONS THAT CAN SHATTER GLASS!
BZZZZ
CRACK!
CRASH!
ZZZZ
OUT OF THE WAY--BEFORE WE'RE CUT TO RIBBONS!
WHEN THE DANGER HAS PASSED...
HERE'S ONE WHO DIDN'T GET AWAY! LUCKILY FOR HIM, WHEN ROBIN KNOCKED HIM OUT, HE FELL UNDER A SHEET OF SHATTER-PROOF GLASS! MAYBE WE'LL GET HIM TO REVEAL THE FIREFLY'S SECRET IDENTITY!
PERHAPS, BATMAN--BUT THERE'S ONE SECRET IDENTITY I ALREADY KNOW... YOURS!
WHAT--?
YOU SHOULDN'T BE SO CARELESS WHEN YOU SWITCH IDENTITIES! BYE-BYE... I'LL BE VISITING YOU SOON, AT YOUR MANSION!
GREAT SCOTT! IS IT POSSIBLE, WHEN KATHY ARRIVED LATE AT CARSON'S PARTY, THAT SHE SPOTTED DICK AND ME SWITCHING OUR GARB?
BACK IN THE BAT-CAVE, AFTER A FUTILE ATTEMPT TO GET THE CAPTURED CROOK TO TALK...
MAYBE KATHY'S ONLY BLUFFING--TRYING TO TRICK ME INTO REVEALING MY IDENTITY! THE BEST WAY TO FIND OUT IS TO PAY HER A VISIT--AS BRUCE WAYNE!
GOOD IDEA! AND DON'T FORGET YOUR RAINCOAT... IT'S TEEMING OUTSIDE!
BUT WHEN BRUCE ARRIVES AT KATHY'S HOME...
HI, WAYNE!
TED CARSON!
WHY, BRUCE--FLOWERS FOR ME? HOW NICE OF YOU! HERE--LET ME HANG YOUR RAINCOAT IN THE CLOSET!
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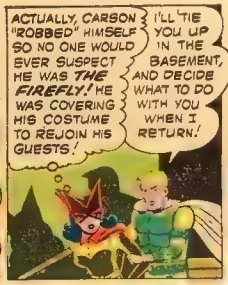
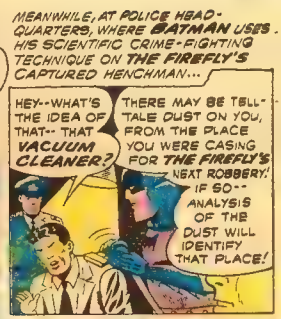
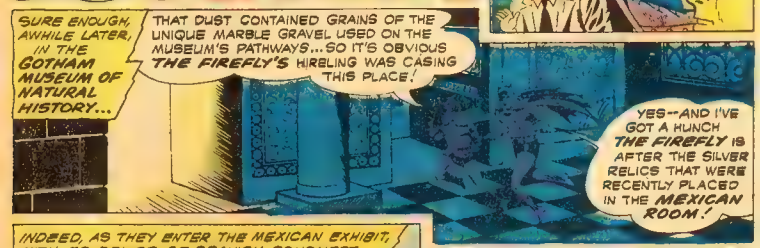
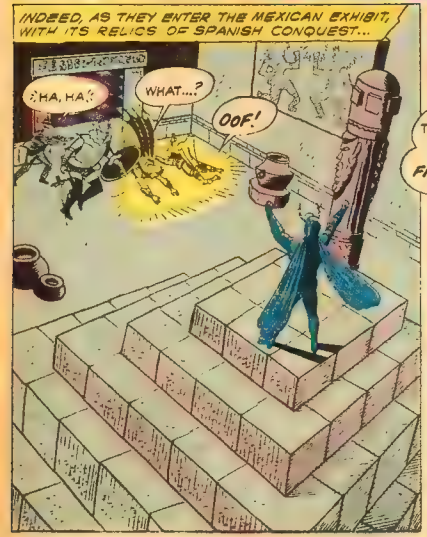
AND A SHORT WHILE LATER, AS ONE SUITOR GETS UP TO LEAVE...
GOING ALREADY, TED DEAR? I THOUGHT WE MIGHT HAVE DINNER TOGETHER.
SORRY, KATHY-- I'VE GOT AN IMPORTANT BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT. LET BRUCE TAKE YOU TO DINNER.
BUT NO SOONER DOES TED DEPART THAN...
BRUCE, I'VE SUDDENLY DEVELOPED A HEADACHE! WOULD YOU PLEASE LEAVE?..I--OH... DROPPED YOUR COAT... SORRY.
A SUDDEN "HEADACHE"? GULP! IS SHE REALLY SO BORED WITH ME-- OR IS SHE JUST USING CARSON TO MAKE ME JEALOUS? AND SHE STILL HASN'T MENTIONED MY SECRET IDENTITY.
AFTER BRUCE HAS GONE...
POOR, DEAR BRUCE... I DO BELIEVE HE'S JEALOUS! HMM...THIS PAPER MUST HAVE FALLEN FROM HIS COAT WHEN I DROPPED IT BEFORE.
OH, DEAR...LOOK WHAT IT SAYS! I'D BETTER SWITCH TO MY BATWOMAN COSTUME AND GO TO BATMAN'S HOUSE AT ONCE!
WHAT'S THIS? WILL BATWOMAN ACTUALLY GO TO BRUCE WAYNE'S HOME-- THE SECRET LAIR OF BATMAN?
THE ANSWER COMES WITHIN MINUTES, AS SHE ENTERS THE MANSION OF...
CARSON!... I CAN'T EXPLAIN HOW, BUT I KNOW YOU'RE BATMAN! LISTEN-- I KNOW WHERE WE CAN TRAP THE FIREFLY! SEND FOR ROBIN--HURRY!
HUH? ER-- ALL RIGHT, BATWOMAN... WAIT HERE WHILE I CHANGE TO MY COSTUME!
AND MOMENTS LATER IT'S BATWOMAN'S TURN FOR A SURPRISE, AS...
THIS IS MY COSTUME, LITTLE LADY!
C-CARSON IS... THE FIREFLY! AND I FELL IN LOVE WITH HIM BECAUSE I THOUGHT HE WAS BATMAN! WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN! WHAT A MISTAKE I MADE...

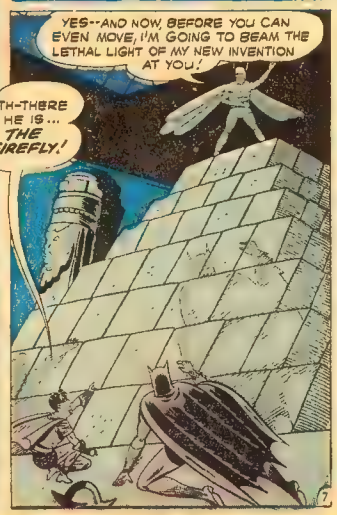
"...WHEN I ARRIVED AT CARSON'S GROUNDS, LAST NIGHT, AND SAW HIM FURTIVELY PUTTING ON HIS JACKET BEHIND SOME BRUSH!"
WHY..HE SEEMS TO BE COVERING A--A COSTUME! TH-THEN...TED CARSON MUST BE--
BATMAN!


ACTUALLY, CARSON "ROBBED" HIMSELF SO NO ONE WOULD EVER SUSPECT HE WAS THE FIREFLY! HE WAS COVERING HIS COSTUME TO REJOIN HIS GUESTS!
I'LL TIE YOU UP IN THE BASEMENT, AND DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH YOU WHEN I RETURN!


MEANWHILE, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, WHERE BATMAN USES HIS SCIENTIFIC CRIME-FIGHTING TECHNIQUE ON THE FIREFLY'S CAPTURED HENCHMAN...
HEY--WHAT'S THE IDEA OF THAT-- THAT VACUUM CLEANER?
THERE MAY BE TELL-TALE DUST ON YOU, FROM THE PLACE YOU WERE CASING FOR THE FIREFLY'S NEXT ROBBERY! IF SO-- ANALYSIS OF THE DUST WILL IDENTIFY THAT PLACE!


SURE ENOUGH, AWHILE LATER, IN THE GOTHAM MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY...
THAT DUST CONTAINED GRAINS OF THE UNIQUE MARBLE GRAVEL USED ON THE MUSEUM'S PATHWAYS...SO IT'S OBVIOUS THE FIREFLY'S HIRELING WAS CASING THIS PLACE!
YES--AND I'VE GOT A HUNCH THE FIREFLY IS AFTER THE SILVER RELICS THAT WERE RECENTLY PLACED IN THE MEXICAN ROOM!


INDEED, AS THEY ENTER THE MEXICAN EXHIBIT, WITH ITS RELICS OF SPANISH CONQUEST...
HA, HA!
WHAT...?
OOF!


YES--AND NOW, BEFORE YOU CAN EVEN MOVE, I'M GOING TO BEAM THE LETHAL LIGHT OF MY NEW INVENTION AT YOU!
TH-THERE HE IS... THE FIREFLY!

BUT EVEN AS A DEADLY BEAM FLARES FORTH, A PROTECTIVE SHIELD COMES HURTLING FROM THE HANDS OF...

BATWOMAN!

SURPRISED I'M FREE? I MANAGED TO GET MY COMPACT OUT OF MY UTILITY PURSE--BROKE THE GLASS--AND SAWED THROUGH THE ROPES!

AND BEFORE THE CROOKS CAN RECOVER FROM THEIR SURPRISE...

EEYOW!

CLANK!

PERFECT SHOT, ROBIN...I'LL PUT THE HANDCUFFS ON HIM!

WHILE BATMAN, USING A LANCE AS A VAULTING POLE, GOES HURTLING UPWARD, AND...

OOF!

THIS IS LIGHTS OUT, FIREFLY!

AND SO, AFTER JAILING THE CAPTURED PAIR...

CARSON CONFESSED THAT HIS FAMILY GOLD MINE HAD PETERED OUT, AND HE NEEDED MONEY FOR GAMBLING DEBTS--SO HE TURNED TO CRIME! AND I THOUGHT HE WAS YOU, BATMAN!

YES--BATWOMAN EXPLAINED IT WAS CARSON SHE SAW CHANGING CLOTHES, NOT ME...SO MY IDENTITY IS STILL A SECRET!

BUT WHY DID YOU THINK BRUCE WAYNE WAS THE FIREFLY?

BECAUSE THE PAPER THAT DROPPED FROM THE RAINCOAT I GAVE HIM CONTAINED THE FIREFLY'S PLANS TO ROB THE MUSEUM! I'D MISTAKENLY GIVEN BRUCE'S COAT TO CARSON--BECAUSE BOTH RAINCOATS LOOKED EXACTLY ALIKE!

THE NEXT DAY, WHEN BRUCE WAYNE DATES KATHY...

COME TO THINK OF IT, BRUCE DOES HAVE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR BATMAN! HE'S ATHLETIC, RICH AND--OH, THAT'S SILLY! I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE THAT MISTAKE AGAIN!

THIS TIME, YOU'RE RIGHT, BATWOMAN--BUT YOU DON'T KNOW IT.

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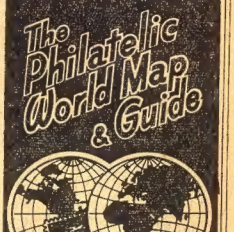

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